

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Connecting to Capital Grants for Nonprofits
Community Capital Facilities

October, 2015



Three Programs for Capital Facilities
2015-2017 Appropriations

- Building for the Arts – 11 Projects,
\$5.8 million
- Building Communities Fund – 28 Projects,
\$20.9 million
- Youth Recreational Facility Program – 9 Projects
\$7.4 million



Building for the Arts Program

- Arts & cultural projects
- More than \$87 million awarded since 1991
- Grants of up to \$2 million per project
- \$12 million cap on total awarded per biennium
- Match up to 20 percent of eligible costs
- RCW 43.63A.750



Building Communities Fund

- Non-residential community/social service projects
- \$68 million awarded since 2009
- No minimum or maximum awards
- Matches 25 percent or more* of eligible costs
- RCW 43.63A.125



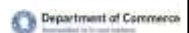
Youth Recreational Facilities
Program

- Indoor recreation with an education and/or social service
component
- \$26 million awarded since 2005
- Grants of up to \$1,200,000 per project
- \$8 million cap on total awarded per biennium
- Match up to 25 percent of eligible costs
- RCW 43.63A.135



Guidelines for Capital Grant Programs

- Available to 501(c)3 nonprofits
- Site control (ownership or 15+ year lease)
- All require matching funds from grantee
- Non-state share to complete projects must be committed
before funds are released
- Reimbursement only; no advance payments
- All use a citizens Advisory Board to review applications



Allowable Use of Funds

- Only “bricks and mortar” costs eligible
 - Architectural costs and engineering
 - Building permits and fees
 - Demolition and site preparation
 - Capitalized equipment
 - IT infrastructure
 - Landscaping



Ineligible Costs

- Internal administrative costs
- Project management
- Fundraising activities
- Feasibility studies
- Computers
- Rolling stock
- Moving costs



Prevailing Wages

- All projects included in the Capital Budget must agree to pay prevailing wages beginning the day the Governor signs budget
- Acquisition-only projects are exempt. These projects must result in a usable facility
- Department of Labor and Industries implements prevailing wage law



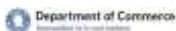
Archaeological Review –
Executive Order #05-05

- Signed by Governor in November, 2005
- Projects must be reviewed by the state Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation before application submitted to determine potential impacts to cultural resources.
- Projects undergoing Federal Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 are exempt.



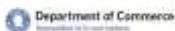
High-Performance Building Standards
(LEED)

- Major capital projects that receive state capital grants must meet the LEED silver standard, or receive an exemption based on statute.
- Exemptions to this state law include:
 - Acquisition-only projects
 - Projects that involve “piecemeal” renovations
 - New construction under 5,000 square feet
- May result in somewhat greater up-front costs, but buildings will be more efficient to operate, improve worker performance, and use recycled materials.



BCF - Meet Just One of Five Main Eligibility
Criteria

1. Be located in a “[distressed county](#)”
2. Be located in a [New Market Tax Credit](#) eligible area
3. Be located within the boundary of [eligible school districts](#)
4. At least 40% of service recipients are at or below 200% of U.S. DHHS [2014 Poverty Guidelines](#)
5. At least 40% of service recipients qualify as [economically](#) or [socially](#) “disadvantaged” as outlined by the Small Business Administration



BCF - Meet All Ten Project Benchmarks

- 1. Increase the range, efficiency, or quality of the services provided.
- 2. Be located in a distressed community or serve a substantial number of low-income or disadvantaged persons.
- 3. Offer a diverse set of on-site activities that meet multiple community service objectives.
- 4. Reflect a long-term vision for the development of the community, shared by residents, businesses, leaders, and partners.
- 5. Require state funding to accomplish a discrete, usable phase of the project.



BCF - Meet All Ten Project Benchmarks (cont.)

- 6. Be ready to proceed and make timely use of the funds.
- 7. Be sponsored by one or more entities that have the organizational and financial capacity to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to maintain the project into the future.
- 8. Fill an unmet need for community services.
- 9. Will achieve its stated objectives
- 10. Is a community priority as shown through tangible commitments of existing or future assets made to the project by community residents, leaders, businesses, and government partners.



Grant Process Timeline

- Applications Available – April-June, 2016
- Grant Workshops – April-June, 2016
- Applications Due – May-July, 2016
- Advisory Board Review – July-August, 2016
- Recommendations to the Governor – September, 2016
- Governor’s Capital Budget Released – December, 2016
- 2017-2019 Capital Budget Signed – June, 2017
- Funds Released to Commerce – September, 2017



Capital Programs Projects



San Juan Islands Museum of Art
Building for the Arts



Enlat Valley Community Services
Building Communities Fund



Sultan Boys & Girls Club
Youth Recreational Facilities



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